

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Paul Moffatt  
Councillor Les Fields  
Councillor Robert Case  
Councillor Brenda Reid

**Excused:** Councillor Hugh Moggy

**Staff:** Alton Hobbs, CAO  
Jeremy Rody, Clerk

**Press:** Alicia McCutcheon, Expositor

**Others:** Shelba Millette, Manitoulin Tourism Association

**OPENING:**

**#346-24-16 R. Case – B. Reid**

THAT the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack be opened for business with a quorum of members present at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Moffatt presiding in the Chair. CARRIED

**AGENDA:**

**#347-24-16 L. Fields – R. Case**

THAT the agenda for this meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

Councillor Reid disclosed a direct pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6A Payroll as her husband is an employee of the Township. She did not take part in any discussion, attempt to influence the vote or vote on the matters.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Councillor Fields commented that the Assiginack Arena has been very busy on Sunday game days and the kids and parents are having a really good year.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **#348-24-16 R. Case – B. Reid**

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 15, 2016, be accepted. CARRIED

### **#349-24-16 L. Fields – R. Case**

THAT the minutes of the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Board meeting of October 21, 2016, be received. CARRIED

### **#350-24-16 R. Case – B. Reid**

THAT the minutes of the Manitoulin Municipal Association meeting of September 21, 2016, be received. CARRIED

## **DELEGATIONS:**

*Note:* Shelba Millette from the Manitoulin Tourism Association made a presentation to Council regarding the new Sustainable Tourism Plan that the MTA has adopted. MTA Members will get a much better promotional package with their membership going forward. The Sustainable Tourism Plan aims to make the MTA a self-sustaining entity, in order to do this they will need a larger buy in from municipalities, First Nations, and large corporations. The Island-Wide Tourism Steering Committee will work to fill tourism gaps with ideas from local EDO's. The MTA will apply for funding to secure tourism assets across the island and to initiate new events and then hand them off to the local municipality or First Nation. In 2017, the MTA will undertake an island wide branding exercise for Manitoulin Island Tourism.

### **#351-24-16 B. Reid – R. Case**

THAT we thank Shelba Millette from the Manitoulin Tourism Association for making her presentation to Council;

AND THAT Council will consider the increased MTA membership fee during the 2017 budget meetings. CARRIED

## **REPORTS:**

### **#352-24-16 R. Case – B. Reid**

THAT the report prepared by EXP Services Inc. titled, "Potential Treatment Options for Sunsite and Manitowaning Treatment Plants," be accepted by Council. CARRIED

## **ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS:**

### **#353-24-16 L. Fields – R. Case**

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment:

General: \$342,939.05

AND THAT the Mayor and administration be authorized to complete cheques #26089 through #26148 and #26153 through #26177 as described in the attached cheque register reports. CARRIED

**#354-24-16 R. Case – L. Fields**

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment:

Payroll: \$35,938.84

AND THAT the Mayor and administration be authorized to complete cheques #26084 through #26088 and #26149 through #26152 as described in the attached cheque register reports. CARRIED

**#355-24-16 L. Fields – B. Reid**

THAT Council has no objection to a lease agreement with Xplornet Communications Inc. for the use of Township owned property on Sucker Lake Road for the installation and operation of a telecommunications site;

AND THAT Staff is directed to negotiate the terms of the lease agreement. CARRIED

**#356-24-16 B. Reid – L. Fields**

THAT prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016, any departmental surplus be allocated to reserves and then reallocated to the appropriate departmental reserve. CARRIED

**#357-24-16 R. Case – L. Fields**

THAT Council accept the Treasurer's recommendation to register a notice of vesting for the following three properties that did not sell by public tender during the tax sale process: Roll # 5111-000-007-12100-0000, Roll # 5111-000-011-00200-0000, Roll # 5111-000-009-13000-0000. CARRIED

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**#358-24-16 L. Fields – B. Reid**

THAT we acknowledge receipt of the following correspondence items:

- a) Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates Letter
- b) Ministry of Finance / Municipal Affairs Letter re: Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund
- c) Resolutions Regarding Access & Delivery of Hydro
- d) Township of McKellar Resolution
- e) Vigor Monthly Energy Production Report
- f) Sudbury and District Health Unit Correspondence
- g) Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Third Quarter Activity Report

CARRIED

**BY-LAWS:**

**#359-24-16 B. Reid – L. Fields**

THAT By-law #16-17, being a by-law to authorize a Sub-Licence Agreement between the Township of Assiginack and the Manitoulin Planning Board be given its first, second, and third readings and enacted in open Council. CARRIED

**#360-24-16 L. Fields – B. Reid**

THAT By-law #16-18, being a by-law to adopt a Workplace Harassment and Violence Policy for the Township of Assiginack be given its first and second readings. CARRIED

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**#361-24-16 R. Case – L. Fields**

THAT in accordance with By-law #15-30 and Section 239 of the Municipal Act, as amended, Council proceeds to a “Closed Session” at 8:00 p.m. in order to attend to a matter pertaining to:

- f) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose. CARRIED

**#362-24-16 B. Reid – L. Fields**

THAT we adjourn from our Closed Session at 8:10 p.m., approve the minutes of the Closed Session of November 15, 2016 and resume our regular meeting. CARRIED

**CLOSING:**

**#363-24-16 L. Fields – B. Reid**

THAT we adjourn until the next regular meeting or call of the Chair. CARRIED

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Paul Moffatt, MAYOR

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Jeremy Rody, CLERK

8:15 p.m.

These Minutes have been circulated but are not considered Official until approved by Council.